

## THIS IS HOW THEY FLIRT AT ATLANTIC CITY.

Atlantic City, July 10.—"I beg your pardon, but did you lose this?"

The speaker was a young man in a bathing suit. The place was the beach; the



time this morning just as all the Summer residents were preparing for their breakfast dip.

The young man addressed one of a group of pretty girls in jaunty holland bathing dresses who were taking a stroll along the sand. He held in his hand a blue silk garter of generous proportions, ornamented with a rosette bow of satin ribbon.

The girls looked at it admiringly for a minute, then the one he had spoken to flushed slightly, and, as though resisting a temptation, she answered "No." The man bowed and joined a companion who had been waiting for him. It was all exceedingly decorous and was over in a moment. I was the astonished spectator of the very newest form of Summer flirtation, which has been introduced here with great success ever since the bathing season opened.

Every young man with mashing proclivities carries one of these garters when he starts for his morning dip in the surf. There may be four girls who will deny having lost the pretty garter, but there will always be a fifth one who will appreciate the situation and accept it gratefully.

The "chute" and "switchback" flirtations are also extremely interesting. Two young women will board a chute with an expression of haughty curiosity. Two young men of dignified and distant manner will take the next seat. The girls will look as if they wished they had been left the whole car. Then she chute will go slowly up the great incline.

When they appear with a great splash out of the water everything will have changed. The young women will be laughing hysterically; the dignified young man will have his arm about the neck of the distant young man who will have charge of the other. Such are the chute flirtations.

The switchback is about the same, only more so. They have one switchback here which takes you through Hades. Rushing along at a furious rate you suddenly are in complete darkness. Then you see a red glare, and in a moment you are passing through a Hades of red lightning and electric lights, with his Satanic Majesty showing his teeth at you and minor devils posing nearby. Of course, the Atlantic City girls get frightened going through this place and cling to the nearest man.

Flirtation flourishes here more than at any Summer place in the country. Saratoga, in its palmiest days, never equalled the record which Atlantic City is gaining this season, as yet in its very infancy. This resort of supposedly staid Philadelphians is outdistancing all competitors in its facilities for the rapid acquaintance-making of the sexes. The very air is full of coquettish microbes and coy germs, and before you are ten hours here you will feel yourself becoming inoculated.

Two weeks ago the edict was issued that flirting would not be allowed on the board walk. Perhaps this is the reason why it permeates every other place; the hotel piazzas, the surf, the bathing pavilion, the chutes and the chutes.

The earnest student of human nature who studies the subject will become convinced that flirting here is only a result. The cause must be the atmosphere and the preponderance of the Summer man. Perhaps the bathing dresses worn here may have something to do with it; but there are more men here to the square foot than will be found at any point on the Jersey coast. Of this I am convinced.

Just at present the population holds ten men for every woman; an unheard-of state of things at any Summer place. The masculine element is so largely in evidence that the men at the hotels sit on the piazzas and bet about it. When a pretty girl goes by they all go down and have a drink on the beach of it, and yet one of them said: "We're horribly sober at dinner time!"

This state of affairs is making the few specimens of Summer girl here very independent and somewhat cruel. Here is an instance. A white flannel man and a girl in a pink gown were ensconced in a nook of the Garden Hotel roof the other night, with palms and electric lights and cool drink making a very heaven of the place. After a long and eloquent pause the young man was heard to say:

"Do you think you could learn to love me, Maude?"

"I don't know, Jack—I might; I learned German once!" That was just what she said!

If you wish to bathe in the surf here you



must have a good memory and be prepared for surprises. You are shown to a bathing house by a young man. If you are a woman he marks in chalk on the door of your house "One L," meaning, I learned, "One Lady." If you are a man he marks you "One G."

I was unable to ascertain what purpose this serves. When you enter the water he locks your door and tells you to remember the number. Now if it is something like 47,894,789,321½, this is not so easy as it might seem. It induces brain fog to battle with the waves and at the same time keep this in mind. They say you get used to it, though.

When you get back to your house to dress you are apt to find "Two L." or "Three L." on the door and some one else's clothes hanging all over the place. There is no limit to the number of people that one house will accommodate in this way. It is a splendid plan for the bathing establishments, and betokens a subtle faith in human nature. But what is to prevent any one who chooses from walking off with clothes belonging to another "L." or another "G."?

While capricious, dainty Rose Sports a pair of silken hose, Page—who runs up the rocks—Runs along in cotton socks.

Never before have I seen so many pairs of silk stockings worn in the water as are worn here. In fact, the feminine bathing suit is very distinctive and characteristic of the place. Most of the girls wear suits of brown holland, with loosely bloused waists and big sailor collars braided in white. The skirts are full and short and the silken stockings are russet in color and ribbed, giving the effect of fine vertical stripes. They appear to be of opera length when the wind blows and the bloomer part of the suit is not visible.

Then some of the girls wear about one leg, just below the knee, a garter of any color. Some affect yellow and some black, and when you see two of these symphonies in brown go across the sand, with tresses breezed high on their heads or floating on the breeze, you may observe a row of young men sitting on the sand, who will ejaculate in unison: "Oh—la—la—la—la!"

The girls don't seem to mind it, any more than they do the violent surf flirtations. There are a girl rope here, and if a wave overturns a girl in the sand, not a moment elapses before a man will dive and clutch her and bring her to the surface. While she looks at him curiously, if she be from any place but Philadelphia, he will say: "I thought you were drowning; I am a life saver!" Then he swims off, if she gives him no encouragement, but if she is a Philadelphia girl they go and sit in the sand for the rest of the day.

Then another magnificent system, which fairly takes one's breath away is this. I witnessed it in operation many times: A woman was sitting on the beach to rest, and a man coolly walked over, engaged in fastening his belt or his collar. Then he said something like this: "I hate to trouble you, but will you tell me if I have this thing on—right?" If she be from any place but Philadelphia, he will say: "I thought you were drowning; I am a life saver!" Then he swims off, if she gives him no encouragement, but if she is a Philadelphia girl they go and sit in the sand for the rest of the day.

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of the hotels have endeavored to discourage their guests from carrying off the door keys and losing them. To do this they have attached to every key a huge nickel plated sinker weighing fully a pound. Of course the women guests cling to these keys. Who ever knew a woman who would leave her key at the desk. These keys are warranted to produce a tired feeling, and when a girl has carried one for a morning she begins to droop over to one side.

That is the hotel masher's chance. He will go over politely and offer to carry the key. And frequently he remains around after that just to look after it. That is the plaza flirtation. I have noticed that they have a distinct code for the dining room, as follows:

Rolling the eye over a corn cob—I desire your acquaintance.  
Eating mustard on cantaloupe—Meet me on the back porch after breakfast.  
Dropping a corn muffin on the floor—You have beautiful eyes.

Putting ice cream in the coffee—I admire you immensely.

This could be continued indefinitely, so many are the signals in operation here. They seem to think of nothing else. I have seen only one Philadelphia woman here who did not smile invitingly at the entire masculine population. There is a vitascope here upon which Cliss Fittgerald's famous dance is portrayed in color while an automatic piano performs ghastly selections. I saw a demure Quaker lady looking at this, greatly shocked at the display of swirling drapery, yet fascinated. She wore a gray bonnet and a shawl and carried a bag, and she was little and plump.

The hotels and cottages are filling up very rapidly now, and perhaps more girls will come here this week. They certainly would if they knew just how matters are here. One of the prettiest women here is Mrs. "Jimmie" Elverson, who was Eleanor Mayo. She is in mourning for her father and will spend a quiet Summer here. Among other finely gowned women seen on the hotel piazzas are Mrs. C. C. Harrison, Mrs. Craig Biddle, Mrs. John Bullock, Mrs. William Garrett, Mrs. E. T. Dobbin, Mrs. Lynton MacMichael, Mrs. A. J. Cassatt and Mrs. George A. Hulm.

KATE MASTERSON.  
**LENOX CONCERTS BEGIN.**  
They Form a Popular Feature of the Programme for the Summer.

Lenox, July 10.—The greatest among the features of the week has been the concerts by the Lenox band at Monument square. They have attracted many visitors and cottagers.

The annual meeting of the Lenox Club was held Monday afternoon at the clubhouse. The following officers were elect-

ed: President, John S. Barnes; vice-president, Joseph Tucker; secretary, Fred D. Tappen; treasurer, Joseph W. Burden; governors, John S. Barnes, Joseph W. Burden, George G. Haven, John E. Parsons, Thomas Post, Anson Phelps Stokes, Joseph Tucker, Charles Lanier and Fred D. Tappen. A collation was served at the clubhouse.

The annual meeting of the Mahkencac Boating Club was held Monday. These officers were elected: President, Anson Phelps Stokes; treasurer, John S. Barnes; secretary, Davis Lydig; executive committee, George G. Haven, John S. Barnes, J. Egmont Schermerhorn; governors, David Lydig, William D. Sloane, J. E. Schermerhorn, Anson Phelps Stokes, Henry A. Barclay, John S. Barnes, George G. Haven, John E. Parsons and George A. Crocker.

A cablegram was received at Lenox Sunday announcing the death of Mrs. Sarah Spencer Morgan, wife of George Hale Morgan, of New York and Lenox, a Bad-nauheim, Germany, at an early hour Sunday morning. Mrs. Morgan, in company with her husband and daughter, went abroad in May for the purpose of making a tour of Germany to visit the various springs, in hope of restoring her health. She did not improve, as was expected, and her death was a great shock to the Lenox cottagers. Mrs. Morgan entertained very largely at Lenox and every season gave a series of musicales and a number of elaborate dinners. She is survived by her husband, one son, George, Jr., and a daughter.

But to look backward. There has been a large increase in the arrivals during the past few days, and Saratoga is rapidly putting on its fine Summer plumage. New-comers are constantly recruiting the old colony of habitués in the parks, at the springs and on the piazzas, and the season is rounding out in full shape. Fine weather seldom shone on Saratoga's visitors, who are having a gay and rollicking time, as they always do.

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Two large excursion parties from Brooklyn joyously descended on Saratoga this week. They stopped at Congress Hall.

Mrs. George F. Hecker, of Seabright, N. J., has leased the McCall cottage on Circular street. The Colly cottage on Regent street has been rented to Townsend H. Fellows, of New York City.

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Among the New Yorkers here during the week have been E. C. Seeger, F. M. Hastings, I. D. Tilston, John M. Crane, Cornelius Vanderbilt and others.

NANTUCKET STIRS WITH LIFE.  
Hotels Are Filling and Fishing Parties Are Having the Sort of Success That Inspires.

Nantucket, Mass., July 10.—Nantucket with all its quaintness, is once more astir with Summer visitors. Hotels are fast filling up, and a general activity speaks a busy season.

Already the gaudy bluefish is seen hanging limp and undignified from a string in the hand of the proud amateur fisherman, and not a few adorn the hotel table by "special contract" an hour later.

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At 4 p. m. every one is driving or wheeling. Bicycle suits are seen with and without wheels. They are so comfortable that they have almost entirely taken the place of long skirts in walking, and shopping even. Miss Beatrice Jones is a devotee of wheeling and has a fine carriage on the bicycle. Every one who comes brings a wheel.

There are many new cottages since last year, and Mr. Gurnee, of New York, has practically rebuilt Beau Desert, which is one of the oldest residences here and one of the most attractive.

The harbor was viewed by hundreds of sight seekers the first of the week, the object of their interest being W. A. Slater's palatial steam yacht Eleanor, which has recently returned from a trip around the world. The Eleanor is chartered for the season by R. P. Bjalantyne, of New Jersey. Mr. Bjalantyne is not on board this trip, and his brother-in-law, Mr. Charles Bradley, and Mrs. Charles Bradley and party came on her. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Bradley there were Mr. G. G. Frelinghuysen, Mr. Marmaduke Tilden, Masters Karl and Cameron Bradley and Peter Frelinghuysen. The party came ashore and took a trip by buckboard about town. Tuesday they drove to Northeast Harbor and took lunch, and Wednesday the Eleanor sailed for Islesboro, on its way to New Jersey.

Herbert Leeds, who was instrumental in establishing the golf links at Kebo, arrive this week. Last Saturday was to have been the opening day, but the weather was so unfavorable that very few went out to play. The bunkers on the links have been put into excellent condition since last year, and the grounds materially improved and cleared away, so that the space is twice that of last year, and there is talk of extending it still further, taking in the foot hills of Kebo Mountain. Among the enthusiastic players at the link are Edmund Pendleton, the Mesrs. Robbins, the Misses Coles, Hinkle, Mitchell and Seely.

Croquet seems to be in marked favor this year, and a party assemblies for this sport every morning at Highfields, Nathan Matthews's place, where is found one of the best grounds. Charles J. Means, of Boston, is an enthusiastic croquet player, and is a guest of the Matthews for the month of July.

Mrs. Jules Reynal, one of the leaders of the New York social circle, arrived on Thursday, and with M. C. Reynal, E. S. Reynal and Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Thebaud, is at Bany-Bryn for the season. The Barnays the owners of Bany-Bryn, are in Europe.

Dr. and Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, with their daughter, have arrived for the season, and are at the Far Niente, on West street.

Mrs. Abby C. Brown and Miss Rebecca Warren Brown, Boston, descendants of General Warren, of Bunker Hill fame, have their same apartments at the Mount Desert this Summer. They have already enlisted in the ranks of the whist players, being devotees of that scientific game and exponents of the American leads.

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